

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 89-33

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: LATE TRANSFER OF TIME-EXPIRED REFUGEE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT (RDP)  
CASES TO AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC)

It has come to our attention that in some Counties RDP assistance units (AUs) are not being timely transferred to AFDC, pursuant to the Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Section 69-204.33, when time eligibility expires. For all months that such AUs are inappropriately on RDP status, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is denying funding, not only under RDP but also under AFDC.

DHHS maintains that since the AUs were not included in the AFDC universe for Quality Control because the refugees were not eligible for AFDC between the RDP time-expiration date and the AFDC authorization date, this constitutes a break in aid. As a result, DHHS expects Counties to complete a new application (CA-1) in all late transfer situations and establish a new connection to the labor force necessary for Federal AFDC-Unemployed Parent (AFDC-U) eligibility for those AUs, per MPP Regulations Section 41-440.41. It is clear that application of this definition of a break in aid by DHHS could create Federal ineligibility for large numbers of refugee clients.

The DSS is appealing the DHHS actions in denying Federal funding for assistance provided AFDC and RDP AUs. We will keep you informed as to our progress in this regard.

In the interim, Counties must ensure that all RDP cases have prompt redeterminations for AFDC using a Statement of Facts (CA-2) before such cases time-expire and that such cases are transferred to AFDC if eligible, effective as of the date the RDP case time-expires. Late AFDC redeterminations and

authorizations will not only result in loss of Federal funding for the State and Counties but also will cause many refugees to become ineligible for Federal AFDC for future periods if they cannot meet the Federal connection to the labor force requirements. Timely redetermination of RDP cases and AFDC authorizations allow Counties to maintain the AFDC connection to the labor force so that the cases can be "grandfathered" into AFDC with their original connection to the labor force intact.

If you have any questions, please contact your County Program Operations Analyst at (916) 323-2131.



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